nourished in terms of adequate minimum intake of proteins, vitamins and other vital nutritional contents as reported;

(b) what corrective measures Government propose to take to ensure adequate minimum level of nutrition to rural masses; and

(c) what is the present situation of malnutrition especially in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) According to the UN (FAO) sponsored study which was conducted in 6 villages in different climatic areas, the energy and protein requirement are met or are marginally low (with the exception of village in coastal areas).

However, according to the National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB), Indian Council of Medical Research, surveys conducted in 8 States—Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa revealed that the diets in the Indian rural households were marginally inadequate (3 to 7%) with respect to energy, Vitamin C and niacin, while they were adequate (more than 100% of recommended dietary allowance) in respect of protein, calcium, iron and thiamine.

(b) To improve the nutritional status of the population, Governments implementing various national health and nutrition programmes such as :—

(i) Supplementary feeding programmes through Integrated Child Development Services Scheme, Special Programme, Mid-day Meal and Balwadi Nutrition Programme.

(ii) Programme for prevention of specific nutrient deficiencies such as National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme Prophylaxis Programme against Nutrition and Anaemia and Vitamin 'A' defficiency.

(iii) The government has been organising several poverty alleviation programmes like employment guarantee schemes, Nehru Rojgar Yojna, Integrated Rural Development Programme, Draught Prone Areas Programme etc.

(iv) Subsidiesed food grains and edible oil are distributed through Public Distribution System.

(c) Dietary intake in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh followed the same trend as of all India pattern mentioned in (a) above.

Neem Intake to reduce liver disorder

2413. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the intake of neem leaves can reduce the risk of liver disorder, as per the news item appeared in the "Times of India" dated 4th September, 1992 entitled "Neem Intake Reduce Liver Disorder"; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to encourage further research in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) The results of studies undertaken on laboratory animals at the Indian Statistical Institute and Institute of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta indicate that intake of 'Neem' leaves can reduce the risk of liver disorder. The therapeutic Properties neem leaves will be discussed at the International Conference on 'Neem' scheduled to be held in Bangalore from 24—28th February, 1993.

परिवार नियोजन कार्यक्रम के लक्ष्यों की प्राप्ति

2414. श्री राम सिंह राठवा : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार परिवार नियोजन कार्यक्रम के लिए निर्धारित लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त कर पाई है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इन लक्ष्यों की प्राप्ति के लिए सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) विभिन्न परिवार कल्याण तरीकों के वर्ष 1991-92 के लक्ष्यों की उपलब्धि का प्रतिशत इस प्रकार था—नसबन्दी 74.6 प्रतिशत, आई० यू० डी० निवेशन 72.5 प्रतिशत, प्रचलित गर्भ निरोधकों के उपयोगकर्ता 86.6 प्रतिशत तथा मुखमेध्य गोली उपयोगकर्ता 125.5 प्रतिशत।

(ख) भारत में परिवार कल्याण कार्यक्रम को देश की जनसांख्यिक परम्पराओं को ध्यान में रख कर स्वैच्छिक आधार पर बढ़ावा दिया जा रहा है।

(ग) परिवार नियोजन सेवाएं प्रदान करने के अलावा पात्र दम्पतियों द्वारा छोटे परिवार का आदर्श अपनाए जाने के बारे में जागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए सूचना, शिक्षा और संचार कार्यक्रम चलाए जा रहे हैं।

Notice issued against the N.E.H.M.

2415. SHRI JAGANNATH SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Court has indicated the Director, Health Services, Delhi Administration for his public Notice issued on 9th July, 1992 against the N.E.H.M. of India, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government against the Officer for implicating falsely the N.E.H.M. of India, New Delhi; and

(c) what are the findings of the departmental enquiry, if any, against the Officer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) The Delhi Administration has informed that they have filed an appeal in the Delhi High Court against the order passed by the Additional District Judge, Delhi in this regard and the matter is subjudice.

E.H. System of Medicines

2416. SHRI JAGANNATH SINGH :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Press reports regarding the unlawful activities of the A.I.R.D.O. of E.H. System of Medicines, C-7/166, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-53;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to curb the activities of this Organisation;

(c) whether this Organisation is approved by Government; and

(d) whether its accounts are also checked by Government from time to time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) The Delhi Administration has reported that they recieved complaint regarding All India Research and Development Organisation of E.H. System of Medicines, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi.

(b) The complaint was referred to the concerned authorities for investigation and a public notice was issued by Delhi Administration on 16-7-1992 to warn the public against joining the institution.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Preparation of Medicines from Plants

2417. SHRI JAGANNATH SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the essences of medicines are prepared from plants by using distilled water through Cohobation method;

(b) if not, whether any licence is required from Government for the manufacturing of such medicines from medicinal plants;